



Calling All High School Students!

Tell Bernie “WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE UNION?”



President Obama will be giving the annual State of the Union Address at the end of January. The U.S. Constitution calls for the President to “give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.”

Vermonters’ views should be heard as well. Senator Sanders wants Vermont’s high school students to share their thoughts on the state of the nation. How are families coping with the most severe recession since the Great Depression? How is the United States doing on issues of concern to young people? The President will share his views in a few weeks before a joint session of Congress. What is your view on the current condition of the United States? What should the president define as short-term and long-term goals?

Senator Sanders is sponsoring a contest for the best 250-500 word essay about the State of the Union. A panel of Vermont teachers will review the entries. The best essay will be published in the *Congressional Record*. The winner will also get to have Senator Sanders visit his or her school to meet with students to discuss the state of the union and what we can do to create more opportunities for Vermonters and Americans.



Time is tight. All essays must be submitted by Friday, 1/21/2011, to stateoftheunion@sanders.senate.gov

To learn more about the contest, visit:
www.sanders.senate.gov/stateoftheunion

